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SUBJECT: NICARAGUAN REQUEST FOR INFORMATION AS TO AVAILABILITY
OF U.S. HELICOPTERS

REF: (A) STATE 207984; (B) MANAGUA 1120; (C) STATE 52300;
(D) MANAGUA 940; (E) MANAGUA 903

1. MAJOR ANASTASIO "TACHITO" SOMOZA P., SON OF PRESIDENT SOMOZA, HAS ASKED U.S. MILITARY GROUP HERE WHETHER USG WOULD GRANT LICENSES FOR SHIPMENT OF HELICOPTERS TO NICARAGUA. SOMOZA ADDED THAT HE IS INTERESTED IN LEARNING SPECIFICALLY WHETHER USG WOULD APPROVE EXPORT OF UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF MILITARY (HUEY) HELICOPTERS AND FIVE MODE D, HUGHES "DEFENDER" HELICOPTERS. MILGP UNDERTOOK TO SEEK INFORMATION ON PRICE AND AVAILABILITY OF HUEY HELICOPTERS (COMUSMILGP MANAGUA 4991, DTG 281355Z OCT 77).

2. TACHITO DID NOT INDICATE PURPOSE FOR WHICH HELICOPTERS MAY BE NEEDED BUT WE SUSPECT THAT HELICOPTERS, PER SE, ARE NOT HIS REAL INTEREST. RATHER, HE IS SEEKING TO SOUND OUT CURRENT USG ATTITUDES AND POLICIES ON TRANSFER OF SENSITIVE EXPORT-CONTROLLED ITEMS TO NICARAGUA. MAJOR SOMOZA MIGHT UTILIZE A REJECTION OF THIS FEELER AS A PRETEXT TO BUY HELICOPTERS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT FOR THE NATIONAL GUARD ELSEWHERE.

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3. EMBASSY REQUESTS GUIDANCE AS TO HOW TO RESPOND TO YOUNG SOMOZA'S INQUIRIES, PARTICULARLY IF RESPONSE REGARDING CIVILIAN HELICOPTERS SHOULD BE NEGATIVE.
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